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Chairman Michael H. Powell :-

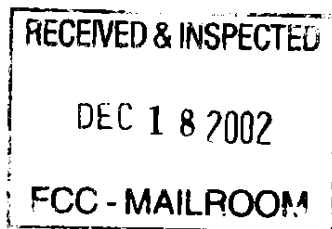
I'm writing to you as a citizen of the United States to oppose loosening media ownership standards and restrict the growth of the media monopoly in America and I'm hoping the whole Commission will abide by my plea and abide by it.

Sincerely

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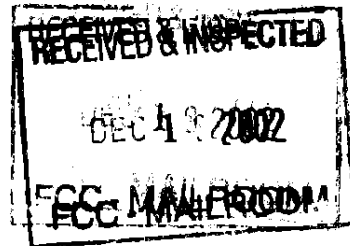
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December 11, 2002

Michael Powell, FCC Chair  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
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**RE: PROTECT MEDIA DEMOCRACY**

To Chairman Powell:

America's airwaves belong to the American people, and the FCC is mandated to manage them in the public interest. Independent, critical and genuinely representative media are crucial to a healthy democracy. Without them, citizens lose the means to control and participate in the public debate that sets the nation's political agenda. In the absence of an effective regulatory agency, corporate control of the media damages our democracy,

I want the FCC to protect the public interest by maintaining:

- The newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule to continue *to* prevent owners of a broadcast station from owning daily newspapers in the same market.
- A national broadcast ownership cap to prevent one company from owning broadcast stations that reach more than 35% of U.S. households.
- The local radio ownership rule to cap the number of radio stations a company can own in a single listening area to eight or less, depending on size.
- Duopoly rule to limit a company to owning two broadcast TV stations in a given market.
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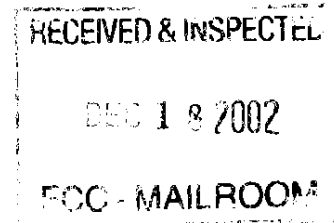
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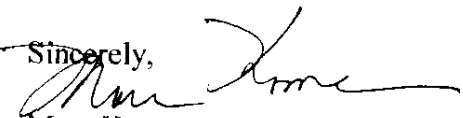
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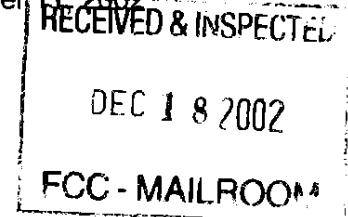
  
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Dear Chairman Powell.

Commercial broadcasting has gone through stunning negative changes in recent years, as deregulation and consolidation have shifted the balance of power to a small handful of companies with interests and investments spread across the media landscape. We now live in a world dominated by profit-driven media conglomerates more interested in delivering viewers to advertisers than in serving the needs of the public.

Independent, critical and genuinely representative media are crucial to a healthy democracy; without them, citizens lose the means to control and participate in the public debate that sets the nation's political agenda. Sadly, this is already happening: In the absence of an effective regulatory agency, corporate control of the media is damaging our democracy.

**This** country's airwaves belong to the American people, and the FCC is supposed to **manage** them in the public interest. That's why it's **so** important that the FCC put the brakes on its hasty review and encourage **a** real debate— one that engages the public and public advocacy groups, not just industry "experts."

I am writing this letter to ask you to preserve and strengthen the rules that limit media consolidation, and to promote public access to media.

It's time for a real debate

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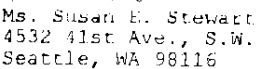
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